

## ***IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR PHILIP RUMNEY***

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**P**rofessor Phil Rumney died on 4 September 2022 at the age of 55.

Phil was a dedicated scholar in the field of Criminal Justice whose work did much to highlight the experiences of victims and survivors of sexual violence. A Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of the West of England, and later on, at De Montfort University, Phil produced work of much significance over the course of his career, exploring and analysing gaps in the criminal justice response to some of the most challenging crimes. His academic work and



publications explored how the law was defined in the context of sexual violence, how it operated in practice, and also took account of courtroom processes. He became an authority on the subject of male victims of sexual abuse and their experience of the criminal justice system and wrote widely about many facets of rape investigation and the impact of specialist policing teams and victim care. Phil also wrote about human rights issues and counter-terrorism, publishing his book; *Torturing Terrorists: Exploring the Limits of Law, Human Rights and Academic Freedom* in 2014.

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Phil was deeply passionate about his work and was able to skillfully relay it to many different audiences, whether through the national press, his academic publications or his work with criminal justice agencies and charitable organizations. He placed great value on freedom of speech, open debate and was committed to evidence-led approaches to academic inquiry that defined his approach to scholarship. He was an excellent teacher and source of inspiration to many students and colleagues.

In 2020 Phil became the recipient of a lifetime achievement award as bestowed by the Men and Boys Coalition as recognition of his pioneering work on understanding the experiences of male victims of sexual assault.

He will be much missed by his friends, family and colleagues.